

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claims 1-20 are rejected.

FIGS. 4 and 5 have been corrected and replacement sheets are filed herewith. FIGS. 4 had item 402 marked as "Max Leakage" while the specification defined item 402 as "average leakage." FIG. 5 had the same problem relative to item 503.

I. CONCLUSION

Replacement sheets for FIGS. 4 and 5 traverse the objections to the drawings.

The Claims 1-20 are being reviewed under Pre-Appeal Brief Request.

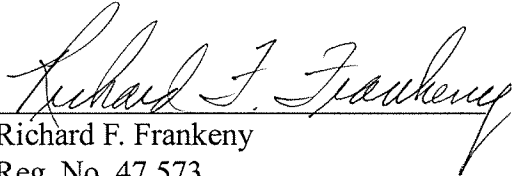
The Applicant asserts that Claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance and request early allowance of these claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicant's attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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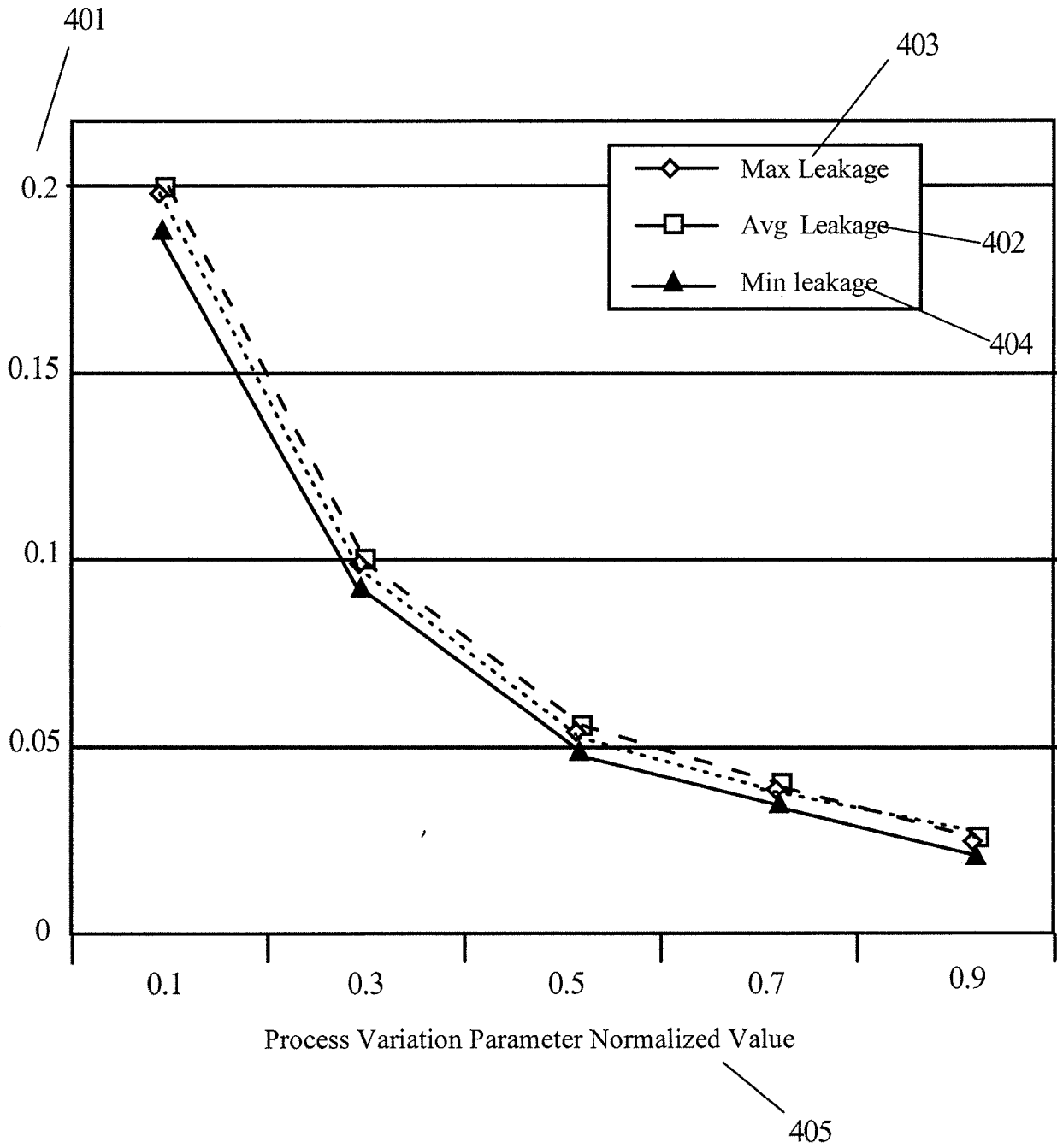


FIG. 4